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SUBJECT: LEND-LEASE TRANSFER OF DWARF CHIMPANZEES

1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES RECEIVED IN AUGUST A LETTER FROM DR. SHIRLEY MCGREAL (OF THE THAILAND-BASED INTERNATIONAL PRIMATE PROTECTION LEAGUE) ON THE SUBJECT OF THE LEND-LEASE TRANSFER OF DWARF CHIMPANZEES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO THE YERKES PRIMATE CENTER OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA. HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED OF SIMILAR CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN DR. MCGREAL AND SINCLAIR DUNNETT, A BRITISH PRIMATOLOGIST, IN WHICH SHE ACCUSES A FORMER DCM OF EMBASSY KINSHASA OF HAVING PLACED "HEAVY PRESSURE" ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO PERMIT THE ABOVE TRANSFER. SHE MAKES REFERENCE DURING THE COURSE OF THESE ACCUSATIONS TO CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. LANNON WALKER.

2. DR. MCGREAL HAS, IN THE PAST, AUTHORED MANY EMOTIONAL LETTERS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF CONSERVATION-RELATED MATTERS TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NEWSPAPERS. WE WOULD, CONSEQUENTLY, APPRECIATE COPIES OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN DR. MCGREAL AND EMBASSY KINSHASA SO THE NATIONAL

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ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MAY RESPOND IN AN APPROPRIATE FASHION

AND HOPEFULLY LAY THIS PARTICULAR MATTER TO REST. PLEASE
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